



Concord School NEWSLETTER



12 Oct 2023

Kia ora whānau

Welcome back everyone. It was great to hear stories from excited children about what they had been doing during the holidays. It is a positive time of the year where the weather is steadily improving and days are getting longer, so we have more opportunity to get outside and be active.

Ukulele Jam – A small group of students is taking part in the Ukulele Jam this morning at Tahuna Intermediate along with 12 other Dunedin schools. They have been practising hard and are looking forward to the jam. Many thanks to Wendy Ross for all her work with the group.



Senior Swimming – What a great start we had to our senior swimming lesson programme on Tuesday. Well done everyone for remembering your gear! Kōwhai and Rātā classes are swimming **every Tuesday** afternoon this term at Moana Pool, leaving 1.00pm, back by 3.00pm.

We need parents to go with us each week for our ratio - you are welcome to swim in the wave pool or supervise from the side. You must have a current police vet to access the changing rooms.

St Johns First Aid – We had a visit from Amy from St Johns on Tuesday. She took each class for a lesson, which covered a range of injury treatments and appropriate responses in an emergency.

Highlanders Visit – Yesterday Rātā room was visited by members of the Highlanders rugby club and Sport Otago, who delivered the 'High Five' health and wellbeing programme to students. They talked about 'Te Whare Tapa Wha', a holistic Māori health model designed by Sir Mason Durie. Part of the lesson involved negotiating an inflatable obstacle course.

Term 4 Learning – Our science topic for this term is "Acting and Reacting". We will be doing a range of our science experiments involving mixing chemicals. The students will practise making predictions, observing what happens, and discussing and recording the outcomes. For older students there will be an opportunity to research, organise and demonstrate an experiment to their class. They may need to bring equipment from home, so thank you in advance for your support.

Our visual art focus this term is observational sketching and each class will explore a well-known artist, and complete work in their style.

End of Term Assembly – Congratulations to our Term 3 award winners: Mark Reid Super Citizen Awards – Ava Creasey and Snow Donaldson; Principal's Award – Brooke Duncan and Alivia Rowson-Tait



Futsal – The first game this term is next Tuesday 17th October. The draw will be posted on Facebook and Skool Loop as soon as we have it.

Touch – The first game for the season is today at 4.45pm on Ground 8 at the Oval.

Sports tops – We are missing quite a number of school sports tops. Please have a look around home and return any you may have asap.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * Every Tuesday Term 4 – Senior swimming
- * **Mon 23 Oct – Labour Day**
- * Wed 25 Oct – Parents Group Meeting
- * Wed 25 Oct – GGI Athletics
- * Fri 27 Oct – Loud Shirt Day
- * Tues 31 Oct – Halloween Disco 6.00pm



Ngā mihi
Steve Turnbull
Principal

ABSENCES – Please PHONE 488 2204, TEXT 027 391 9985, or use the Skool Loop app, by **9.00am**, with the reason your child is absent (sick etc)



Clever Cats – This Friday Oct 13th at 1.30pm

Welcome to our new students and their families:

- * Oliver McLeod
- * Sanjot Rehill
- * Olivia McKenzie
- * Amreen Kaur



Spring

I can see the nice vibrant colour of the trees
I hear chirping of birds in their nests
I smell the fresh cut grass so good I can almost taste it
I can see bugs crawling up and down trees
I can see birds hopping away on their two little feet
The feeling of waking up and running on grass
Always a good time to be out - by Drayden Gawn



Spring poem

I see bright coloured flowers and the trees are blossom
I hear small birds chirping in the tall trees, I smell fresh cut green grass
I feel the fine strands of the short grass through my fingers,
I taste nature as I sit under the tree. - By Eli Harradine

Spring

I see lovely pinkish flowers surrounded by green spikey leaves
blossoming in the very bright sunshine,
I smell fresh mint from my garden with the sun
shining brightly on it.



I touch the spikey leaves hanging off its smooth brown root's,
I feel very relaxed in spring when I go outside and lie on top
of the nice fresh smelling grass that grandad has just cut,
When I lie on the fresh grass I feel calm like I'm in my bed,
especially with those bright yellow daffodils.
- By Cassius-Jay



First Aid



Lucky Book Club

The next Lucky Book Club order for 2023 was distributed today and closes next **Friday 20th October**. Please return money and orders to the office.

NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH DAY COLOURING COMPETITION



National Oral Health Day is coming up on Friday 3rd November 2023. To celebrate we are running a colouring competition. Entry forms are available at the school office. Entries can be emailed to or sent to Kristy Tamariki, Community Oral Health Service, Southland Hospital, PO Box 828 Invercargill, 9840

Entries need to be in by **8am Monday 6th November 2023**

PARENTING COURSES TERM 4 2023

Find new tools to help develop your parenting skills with practical ideas and great support through the following courses:

❖ **Toolbox Younger Years: Preschool / Primary**- 6-week course
Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30am (Starts 25th Oct)

❖ **Toolbox Older Years: Primary /Tween/ Teen Years**- 6-week course
Wednesday 7-9pm (Starts 25th Oct)

Cost: \$85 Individual/ \$120 Couple, Subsidised rates available
Topics include: • The importance of love and connection • Different parenting styles • Discipline and boundaries • Understanding your child's big emotions / The teenage brain and risk-taking

Toolbox Enquiries to CSS office 4553838, office@cathsocialservices.org.nz

❖ **Game on (for Dads)** – 6-week course
Wednesday 7-9pm (Starts 25th Oct) 6-week course.
Cost: \$85, Subsidised rates available

This group is run for Dads by Dads, to be the best Dad they can be for their kids as we explore what we want for our kids and what we have to do to make a positive difference.

<https://www.gameonline.org.nz>

Game On Enquiries to Callum Hartstonge, 021 072 4952, callum@cathsocialservices.org.nz

❖ **Incredible Years** - 14-week course.
Evening course 6-8:30pm in **Term 1 2024**, (Dates to be confirmed)
Cost: FREE, participants need to be prepared to attend all sessions.

The Incredible Years Parent Programme for parents (or caregivers) who have young children aged from 3 to 8 years with challenging behaviours. The programme provides practical suggestions in every-day situations with a focus on you and your child's wellbeing.

Incredible Years Enquiries to CSS office 4553838, office@cathsocialservices.org.nz

All courses run at Catholic Social Services (unless specified)

42 Macandrew Rd, South Dunedin

To register: CSS office: 4553838, www.cathsocialservices.org.nz/courses-events/



NEW TENNIS HOT SHOTS MATCHPLAY

EDGAR CENTRE
FRIDAY'S
HALF COURT: 7 – 12 YRS
\$5 PER PLAYER

Information & sign up

mat@mattenniscoaching.co.nz
0273261816



Trafficquiz.com is FREE to use website developed with an aim to spread awareness regarding traffic rules and road safety rules. Through trafficquiz.com students can learn and test their knowledge about traffic & road safety rules in an entertaining way i.e. by playing quizzes. Parents can also use trafficquiz.com to refresh their knowledge about traffic, road safety & child safety rules.

1. For Age group (5 to 9 years):
<https://trafficquiz.com/road-safety-quiz-junior-level-1/>
2. For Age group (10 to 15 years):
<https://trafficquiz.com/road-safety-quiz-secondary-level-1/>
3. For Parents (Child safety quizzes):
<https://trafficquiz.com/child-safety-quiz-for-parents-level-1/>
4. For Parents and Teachers (Traffic & road safety rules quizzes):
<https://trafficquiz.com/road-safety-quiz-for-adults-level-1/>
5. [Road Signs quiz](#)



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

open day

GREEN ISLAND COMMUNITY GARDEN

Saturday 14th
October
10am - 1pm

- Seed sowing activities
- Take home free vegetable seeds and old tools
- Help us plant potatoes
- Buy plants

- Plants for sale:
- Tomatoes
 - Cucumbers
 - Gherkins
 - Blackcurrants
 - Rhubarb



END OF SHAND STREET, GREEN ISLAND

Community Oral Health Service

0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583)
or 0800 ORAL HEALTH (0800 672 543)

(free from cell phones)

Head Lice

Please continue to be vigilant in checking your child's hair often and treating when necessary



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www.parenthelp.org.nz

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